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DRAFTED BY PM/ISP:GCARTER/JAN

APPROVED BY PM:HLINDJORD

S/CCT - LHOFFACKER (DRAFT)

NEA - ALATHERTON (DRAFT)

EUR - WJSTOESSEL (DRAFT)

PM/MAS - DFARNHAM (DRAFT)

IO/UNP - LTSTULL (DRAFT)

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TO AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, UR, UK, IT, US

SUBJECT: TERRORIST POSSESSION OF SOVIET ORIGIN

GROUND-TO-AIR WEAPONS

1. RECENT INCIDENT IN WHICH ITALIAN POLICE APPREHENDED  
TERRORISTS IN VICINITY OF ROME AIRPORT WITH TWO STRELA/  
GRAIL SA-7 GROUND-TO-AIR LAUNCHERS OF SOVIET ORIGIN VIEWED  
HERE WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN. AS A RESULT OF THIS INCI-  
DENT, DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO CALL IN THE SOVIET  
AMBASSADOR AT A HIGH LEVEL TO REITERATE OUR REQUEST THAT  
THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE UN-  
AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF SOVIET SA-7 WEAPONS. FYI. PRIOR  
APPROACH WAS MADE WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY LAST YEAR AND  
WE WERE LATER INFORMED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS TAKING  
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CONTROL THE UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER

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OF GRAIL. END FYI.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF OUR  
INTENDED APPROACH AND THAT A SUPPORTING ITALIAN DEMARCHE  
TO THE SOVIETS WITH RESPECT TO THE ROME AIRPORT INCIDENT  
MIGHT BE USEFUL. RUSH

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